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■ House Republicans plan an $81 billion package to help places hit by hurricanes and wildfires. **4A**

■ Sen. Susan Collins said she'd support the Republican tax bill. **4A**

■ Vice President Mike Pence pushed back a Middle East trip to be present for a tax vote. **4A**

■ LATAM Airlines will offer nonstop flights between Las Vegas and Brazil. **8B**

■ The Skyline is expanding its hotel to draw hospital visitors and locals. **8B**

■ Virgin Hyperloop One said it sent a pod down its test track at about 240 mph. **8B**

■ Raiders coach Jack Del Rio remained unhappy with the officiating in Sunday's game. **1C**

■ The Golden Knights face their stiffest challenge yet in the Tampa Bay Lightning. **1C**

■ Brian Slagel, founder of Metal Blade Records, discusses his move to Las Vegas. **3D**

■ A U.S. appeals court judge accused of inappropriate conduct announced his retirement. **6A**

■ Firefighters reached 50 percent containment of a massive Southern California wildfire. **6A**

■ The nation's air-travel system struggled to recover from the Atlanta airport blockout. **6A**

■ The U.S. vetoed a U.N. resolution opposing the declaration of Jerusalem as Israel's capital. **8A**

■ South Africa's deputy president was elected head of its African National Congress. **8A**

■ The U.K. government began sorting out its long-term post-Brexit plans. **8A**

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# Trump sees U.S. at pivot

## National security strategy incorporates his 'America First' doctrine

**By Anne Gearan**
The Washington Post

**WASHINGTON —** President Donald Trump placed himself at the center of a new national security strategy Monday, casting his election as a pivot from failed policies pushed by his predecessors and presenting his "America First" doctrine as the organizing principle for U.S. engagement around the world.

In a year-end, campaign-style speech, the president emphasized his view that the United States has been cheated and taken advantage of abroad while its citizens were ill-served at home — a situation he said his security plan would seek to reverse.

"For many years, our citizens watched as Washington politicians presided over one disappointment after another; too many of our leaders — so many — who forgot whose voices they were to respect, and whose interest they were supposed to defend," Trump said at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, before an audience

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**President Donald Trump speaks on national security Monday in Washington.**

The Associated Press
**This image from video provided by KOMO-TV shows an Amtrak train that derailed about 40 miles south of Seattle on Monday, spilling some of its cars onto Interstate 5.**

# Derailment spills onto I-5

## Three dead, more than 100 injured on new Amtrak route

**By Rachel La Corte, Gillian Flaccus and Michael Sisak**
The Associated Press

**DUPONT, Wash. —** An Amtrak train making the first-ever run along a faster new route hurtled off an overpass south of Seattle on Monday and spilled some of its cars onto the highway below, killing at least three people, injuring more than 100 and crushing two vehicles, authorities said.

Attention quickly turned to the train's speed. A website that maps location and speed using data from Amtrak's train tracker app showed the train was going 81.1 mph about a quarter of a mile from the point where it derailed, where the speed limit is significantly lower.

Seventy-seven passengers and seven crew members were aboard when the train derailed and pulled 13 cars off the tracks. Authorities said there were three confirmed deaths and more than a dozen people with critical or serious injuries.

About two hours after the accident, a U.S. official who with others was briefed on the investigation said he was told at least six people were killed. No additional briefings were provided by late afternoon, and the official said he had no new information to explain the discrepancy in the numbers.

The official was not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly and spoke to

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Washington Post

# Penn to purchase Pinnacle for $2.8B

## Boyd Gaming to gain four U.S. properties in deal

**By Todd Prince**
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Casino operator Penn National Gaming Inc. said Monday it would buy smaller rival Pinnacle Entertainment Inc. in a cash-and-stock deal valued at about $2.8 billion, creating the dominant U.S. regional company by properties.

As part of the largest U.S. gaming deal since 2013, Penn will let Boyd Gaming Corp. buy four Pinnacle properties in Missouri, Indiana and Ohio for $575 million.

Penn will operate 41 casinos in 20 jurisdictions upon completion of the deal, including the Tropicana on the Strip and the M Resort in Henderson. Penn's 38 U.S. regional properties will nearly double the 24 Caesars Entertainment Corp. will own when it completes its recently announced Indiana acquisition.

The Pennsylvania-based company will have annual revenue of about $5 billion, making it the third-largest domestic casino operator after MGM Resorts International and Caesars, according to SunTrust brokerage. Las Vegas Sands Corp. and Wynn Resorts Ltd., though bigger by total revenue, generate less inside the U.S.

"The combination of Penn and Pinnacle, two large regional gaming companies in their own right, creates a regional gaming behe-

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# Tax bill preserves exemption for stadium bonds

**By Gary Martin**
Review-Journal Washington Bureau

**WASHINGTON —** The final version of the Republican tax cut bill crafted by House and Senate lawmakers would preserve the tax exemption for bonds being used to finance construction of the Raiders stadium and Las Vegas Convention Center expansion, officials said Monday.

### Raiders clear hurdle

A permit was issued to move a flood-control culvert that could have delayed the Raiders stadium.
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Although support in Congress for the $1.4 trillion tax code overhaul breaks along party lines, both Republicans and Democrats in Nevada had sought to preserve the tax-exempt status of bonds being used to bring the Raiders to Southern Nevada. The bill is expected to be approved by Congress this week and be signed by President Donald Trump before Christmas.

The House-Senate conference committee's Tax Cuts and Jobs Act bill kept Senate language that preserves the tax exemption over a House version that would have eliminated it for bonds used to finance professional sports stadiums.

The House proposal had called for elimination of the tax-exempt status on the bonds as part of a revenue-raising mechanism to offset tax cuts for corporations, businesses and individuals.

Backers of the projects said the tax break was key to

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